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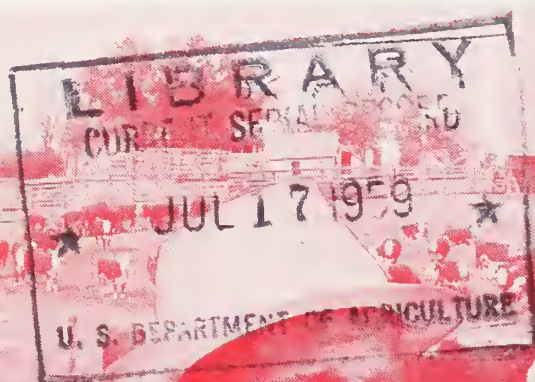
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The PACKERS and STOCKYARDS ACT  
as it applies to -

# LIVESTOCK DEALERS

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WHAT IT IS -  
PROVISIONS -  
ENFORCEMENT -

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
AGRICULTURAL MARKETING SERVICE  
Livestock Division  
Washington, D. C.

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The Packers and Stockyards Act is a Federal statute enacted in 1921, last amended in 1958, administered by the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

It regulates interstate commerce in livestock marketing.

In effect, it is a code of ethics for the livestock marketing and meat packing industries -- setting out rules of fair business practice and competition.

It covers stockyards, auction markets, packers, market agencies, and dealers engaged in interstate livestock marketing business.

It defines a market agency as: "Any person engaged in the business of (1) buying or selling in commerce livestock on a commission basis, or (2) furnishing stockyard services;"

and a dealer as:

"any person, not a market agency, engaged in the business of buying or selling in commerce livestock, either on his own account or as the employee or agent of the vendor or purchaser."

Farmers who buy or sell in the course of their farming, feeding, or ranching operations are not considered as dealers.

## Registering

The livestock dealer must register with the U. S. Department of Agriculture when:

1. engaged in the business of buying or selling livestock in interstate commerce for his own account, or
2. dealing at a posted livestock market (one which has been found subject to the Act at which notices to that effect have been posted), or
3. when employed by a packer as a salaried buyer to buy livestock in commerce or at posted markets.

## Bonding

Livestock dealers must file a bond with the U. S. Department of Agriculture, based on the volume of their business over the past 12 months, except packer-buyers who buy only for slaughter purposes.





# . . . . As They Apply to Dealers

Registration application forms and sample bond forms may be obtained from P & S District offices or from the P & S Branch, Livestock Division, Agricultural Marketing Service, U. S. Department of Agriculture, Washington 25, D. C.

## Weighing

Dealers maintaining scales for the purpose of buying or selling livestock in commerce must:

1. operate scales properly to give accurate weights,
2. have scales tested by competent agency at least twice a year,
3. issue serially numbered scale tickets and retain a copy of each.



## Trade Practices

Every dealer is prohibited from engaging in or using any unfair, unjustly discriminatory, or deceptive practices.

## Keeping Records

All registered dealers, except packer-buyers, are required to maintain sufficient records to disclose the full nature of each transaction. (Packer-buyers are exempt from this requirement as their employers are responsible.)



# ENFORCEMENT.....

P & S Branch representatives make regular supervisory trips to posted livestock markets to make sure that compliance with the law is being carried out.

Violators may receive warning, be ordered to cease and desist from violations, or, in serious cases, their registration under the act may be suspended - thus barring them from doing business for specific periods of time. When criminal violations are discovered they are turned over to the Department of Justice for prosecution.

Anyone who feels he has been treated unfairly by anyone subject to the Act may file a complaint. If he believes that he has suffered loss or damage through such unfair treatment, he may also file a petition for reparation against a dealer, Market Agency, or stockyard operator.





## PUBLICATIONS

Specific questions concerning the Act and its enforcement may be addressed to the P & S Branch district offices or the Washington headquarters. Available from the same sources are the following publications:

The Packers and Stockyards Act  
(SRA - 164)

List of Posted Stockyards

List of Subject Packers

Scales and Weighing Instructions



# DISTRICT OFFICES AND AREA COVERED

<p>Billings, Montana 210 Livestock Exch. Bldg. [Mont., N. Wyo.]</p>	<p>N. half Miss.]</p>
<p>Chicago, Illinois 999 Exch. Ave. Union Stockyards [N. half Ill., Wisc.]</p>	<p>National Stockyards, Illinois Livestock Exch. Bldg. [S. half Ill., E. half Mo.]</p>
<p>Cincinnati, Ohio 3129 Spring Grove Ave. [Cincinnati, Ky., W. Va.]</p>	<p>North Portland, Oregon Livestock Exch. Bldg. [Wash., Ore., N. part Idaho.]</p>
<p>Denver, Colorado 403 Livestock Exch. Bldg. [Colo., N. New Mex. S. E. Wyo., W. Neb.]</p>	<p>Ogden, Utah P. O. Box 390 [Utah, S. part Idaho, S. W. part Wyo., N. E. Nev.]</p>
<p>Fort Worth, Texas 231 Livestock Exch. Bldg. [Tex., SW New Mex.]</p>	<p>Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 231 Livestock Exch. Bldg. [Okla., W. Ark.]</p>
<p>Indianapolis, Indiana 238 Livestock Exch. Bldg. [Indiana, Ohio (except Cincinnati), Michigan.]</p>	<p>Omaha, Nebraska 609 Livestock Exch. Bldg. [Neb. (except W. part), S. W. part Iowa.]</p>
<p>Kansas City, Missouri 760 Livestock Exch. Bldg. [Kans., W. Mo.]</p>	<p>Sioux City, Iowa 225 Livestock Exch. Bldg. [Iowa (except S. W. corner), S. D.]</p>
<p>Lancaster, Pennsylvania 1147 Lititz Pike [New England States, Md., Del., Pa., N. Y.]</p>	<p>South St. Paul, Minnesota 208 Federal Bldg. [Minn., N. D., N. W. corner Wisc.]</p>
<p>Los Angeles, California Livestock Exch. Bldg., Union Stockyards [Calif., Nev., (except N. E. Corner), Ariz.]</p>	<p>Washington, D. C. 3512 South Bldg. [Va., N. C., Dist. of Col.]</p>
<p>Montgomery, Alabama New Post Office Bldg. [La., Fla., Ga., Ala., S. half Miss.]</p>	<p>Wichita, Kansas 22 Livestock Exch. Bldg. [Central and S. Kansas]</p>
<p>Nashville, Tennessee 214 Livestock Exch. Bldg. [Tenn., E. half Ark.,</p>	





